

# MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS



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NEWSLETTER

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QUARTER



Yes we're on the bandwagon to increase our membership. One hundred sample copies of this issue are being sent to collectors across the country.

And for those who enroll now for 1974 will receive FREE membership for the balance of 1973.

Would you like a copy sent to a friend. - Let us know.



## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - BY-LAWS

### CONSTITUTION:

#### ARTICLE V OFFICERS:

Section 7. Eligibility for nomination to office require attendance of at least two meetings during the previous calendar year.

#### ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS:

Section 1. There shall be four scheduled membership meetings in the months of February, May, August, and November, unless re-scheduled by the decision of the executive board. The time and place of which shall be indicated by mail at least ten (10) days before the meeting date.

### BY-LAWS:

#### ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Section 5. The executive board will submit a slate of officers and directors for nomination subject to the approval of the general membership at the November meeting.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BURTON NEAL LEVY

First I would like to say that Burton Neal Levy is doing a fine job as our president and editor.

I think it was very nice of our past president Rudolph Skaritka for the "thank you members" coins that he sent all the members of MEC and also Mr. C.J. Meccarello for the two sided coin he sent with the last newsletter. (It's the only two sided coin I have.)

At this time I would also like to urge the members to take advantage of the free ad they may place in each issue of the newsletter. These ads will not only help you get coins you need but help the rest of us get coins we need.  
- Paul Aubry.

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...You are doing a terrific job with your post as president and as editor of the MEC news and everything else concerning the organization.

The darling coin commemorating your son's first birthday is the most precious I have. Thank you so much. - Verlee Waterman

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Just a note to say Thank You for the letter and other information you sent to me. It is pretty nice of you folks to give me the honorary membership in your club. - William G. Blaha

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

It took twenty-five dollars, four people, and the cooperation of several others to bring you the organization of MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS.

We've really gone a long way in a period of two years and better yet we're going further. But as all organizations we are only as strong as our weakest link.

How can we be strong?...By unity! Send in those articles, suggestions and comments. Don't say I don't have the time - make time. A few of us have worked hard to bring you closer to your hobby. Please don't fail us - get involved.

How about it MEMBER? - Burton N. Levy

THE LETTER  
AND  
THE LAST WORD FROM  
HENRY BLAHA

By David J. Singer

8/20/73

Today I received a letter, but allow me to start from the beginning.

In December 1968 while in Chicago's loop, I noticed some elongateds on display in an elaborate coin shop. Having made roll-outs in 1933 and 1934 at the Chicago World's Fair, naturally I was interested. The elongateds were from the Columbian Exposition 1893. This was the first time I had seen or even heard about them. Even more interesting the salesman that waited on me, Ben Odesser, told me of TEC and offered me a membership blank. I had not known that there were any elongated organizations. He told me of Henry Blaha. And I soon sent in my dues and joined.

Blaha and I corresponded. He always concluded his letter with "be good and stay well". He invited me to meet him at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles, Ill. at the Chicago Coin Bourse conducted by Ben Odesser, the second Sunday of each month. The "Y" is only minutes away, but the two times I visited I missed Henry. He came around later, but I had to get back to work. And that's the way it went until Henry and I met at MEC meetings. Of course he always had an elongated for me and I began to notice his delightful humor. Henry never sold any of his roll-outs. He invited me to attend a meeting in Skokie of the Israel Coin Club at which he exhibited elongateds and made a talk to the membership. When I arrived the lights were out. So I missed it. For this group, he designed an elongated - one word on it "Shalom". For this elongated he was reimbursed. He did not sell any, but he promised to secure one for me.

At the last meeting of MEC that he attended, he gave me his definition of an unlisted. "An unlisted is one that Dottie Dow did not have access to when she wrote the book".

Burt Levy, president of MEC, phoned me. "Henry Blaha is in the hospital. It looks serious." I phoned the hospital and spoke to Henry. All Henry could do is say, "yes". I asked some more questions trying to make conversation. Again Henry answered, this time a long drawn out y--e--s. Henry was under sedation. If it were possible I would have made some light talk, tried to cheer him up, remind him of an elongated he promised to send me.

Minutes later I phoned the hospital again. The nurse would not divulge any information. "Are you in his family?", she asked. "Here is the name of his doctor. You can phone him." The next day Henry Blaha was in the "hands of God."

Oh, yes, the letter. It came from Ben Odesser. It contained an elongated. On it in large letters in Hebrew is the word SHALOM, and below it in English in small letters shalom. This word in Hebrew means hello, good-bye, greetings, and PEACE.

"A DAY AT THE FLEA MARKETS"  
By Jack Wilcox

Our favorite trip on clear Sundays is heading south for the Lambertville, N.J. and the Golden Nugget Flea Market, then over the river (Delaware) into Pennsylvania for the two markets located just beyond New Hope, Pa.

This trip Peg couldn't go so I talked "Jackie" into being my side-kick. We got an early start, checked through the Golden Nugget by 10:30 AM-not an elongated to be found. However, Jackie picked up a cute tin rural letter box bank @ 25¢ for my Postal collection. I drew a blank. Over at the New Hope Dinner lot I could only come up with an old Yardleyville Delaware Bridge Co. ticket Pass One Horse Vehicle. The dealer thinks this was a covered bridge, interesting for 25¢ eh? Three miles onward to Lahaska, Pa. our search continued. This time my famous luck held.

Hiding in a showcase just barely seen a copper flash caught my eye, with high hopes I asked if I could see that "long penny" and how much is it? The fact the dealer said five dollars didn't register when I saw the elongated was the unlisted variety of N.J. ap # 1a, S.S. Morro Castle with a pier by the ship's stern line. Of course I got this and talked the price down!

Meanwhile Jackie found a table with new books at half price so we bought one on Bottle Collecting. As you may have guessed the Collector Bug has really infected our family.

As I look at the ship that found its way to Pa., I recall as a child going to Asbury Park, N.J. to see the S.S. Morro Castle lying beached just off shore, after the terrible fire.

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"THREE COVERS FEATURING ELONGATEDS"  
By Verlee Waterman

In the past three years three covers have been issued from Colorado Springs, Colorado, featuring elongated coins.

The first cover, a postcard of the ANA headquarters in the Springs was issued April 18, 1971, to commemorate the first day of the 1971 National Coin Week. The rolled-out penny used is printed with wording relevant to the occasion. Also noted is the date. A 5¢ blue Washington stamp was used. It is limited to 100, is a popular cover, hard to come by and considered expensive.

Number two cover was issued on June 7th from Colorado Springs to commemorate the 14th annual commencement of the United States Air Force Academy which is located in the Springs. A group of marching cadets decorate the envelope while the stamp used is the 8¢ Peace Corps commemorative---red, white, and blue. The elongated is a cent depicting the beautiful Academy Cadet chapel. The issue is limited to 250.

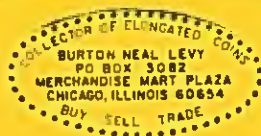
The most recent addition honors the 15th commencement of the Air Force Academy and it is limited to 300. The elongated used also depicts the chapel but it is rolled on a Jefferson nickel and is dated 1973. The stamp is a USPO.



# ILLINOIS CENTURY OF PROGRESS



FOR



SALE

(Paid Ad)

# 2	Official Emblem 1933.....	\$ 4.50
22	Republic of China.....	4.50
23	Egyptian Pavilion.....	5.25
41a	Travel & Transport Building.....	4.50
71	Fort Dearborn.....	4.75
91	Skyway and Observation Towers.....	4.65
97a	Chicago World's Fair Skyride.....	4.50
99	A Century of Progress Skyride.....	4.50
100	A Century of Progress Skyride.....	5.00

## Special

1b	Unlisted Official Emblem 1934.....	8.50
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(All elongateds subject to prior sale. Please send a SASE.)



**FREE ELONGATED**

**Courtesy Of:**

**Chester M. Rogers**

**P.O. Box 553**

**Leachville, Ar. 72438**

## ? THE QUESTION BOX ?

Question - What is the highest price paid for an elongated coin?

Answer - On an auction bid list by John Spadone dated 12/70, O.-GLE #12, The Great Lakes Exposition Terminal Tower elongated sold for \$ 210.00.

## TEC ELONGATED COIN

For those of you who are not members of The Elongated Collectors, TEC, a number of Join TEC in 1973 elongateds were donated to MEC by Lloyd E. Wagaman on behalf of The Elongated Collectors. To obtain one free of charge send a self-addressed stamped envelope % Burton Neal Levy.

# DAVID **ELONGATED** SINGER'S COLUMN

Recently we published where the TEC members are. Now here are where the MEC members are; Illinois has nineteen, twelve are from Chicago; California is second with six and Pennsylvania third with five; Michigan, New York, and New Jersey have four; Indiana, Ohio and Florida each have three; Connecticut, Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado, Arizona, and Rhode Island each have two. The states of South Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Maine, Louisiana, are each represented by one member.

Latest members to join are:

- 77. Eric H. Goodwin
- 78. Elmer Anderson
- 79. Thomas B. Seavey (honorary - Wm. Lee)

Thanks to Paul Aubry of New Jersey, the MEC Museum has been enriched by 200 2x2 coin holders and his storecard...Charles Mueller donated 100 elongateds to the museum and the plastic sheets to house the valuable collection...Not to be outdone, Cee Ceven Elongates - Rudy Skaritka & Betty Kirby donated 119 elongateds, a complete C7 collection to date all in 2x2 holders inserted in plastic sheets in a special binder book...Jack Wilcox donated his special Xmas elongated commemorating his 20th year with the U.S. Postal Service.

Burt Levy, our travelling man, called up Abe Gefter, our MEC member in New York, who recently underwent open heart surgery and had a pacemaker installed...On the road again Burt visited with Lloyd & Alberta Wagaman in Camby, Ind. And a week later the Levy's spent an afternoon with the Callander's in Napanee, Ind....Leo Krug started his collection in 1967..George Kesterson was honored for having sold the largest number of tickets for the recent Mineral Wells, Texas Coin Club 7th Annual Coin and Exhibit Show...Sally Kirka received a top award for her elongated exhibit recently. To date, she has won an award in every showing this year...Shel Green donated a magnifying glass to each member present at the August MEC meeting, plus a Lord's Prayer elongated...Why not write me your happenings - David J. Singer, 8715 N. Harding Ave., Skokie, Ill. 60076.

## *Levy Offers Elongated Coin Aid*

Burton Neal Levy, president of the Midwest Elongated Collectors, has devised an abbreviated system for describing older elongated or rolled-out coins.

The system permits exceptional brevity in listing pieces for sale, trade or any other purpose.

He offers a copy of the system without cost to elongated collectors who send a self-

addressed, stamped envelope to him, at P.O. Box 3082, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

# THE

# BULLETIN

# BOARD

## WANTED:

Lloyd E. Wagaman's: Corn. # 2  
For. # 2  
Misc. # 1  
Misc. # 8a  
NY-WF(2) # 1

Also wanted:

Paul Aubry  
128 Jane Street  
Englewood, N.J. 07631

You can find elongated coins at  
The Chicago Coin Bourse on the  
second Sunday of every month at:

The Leaning Tower YMCA  
6300 W. Touhy Ave.  
Niles, Illinois

Free Admission - Free Parking

I have the following elongateds:

N.Y-WF (1) # 5b  
ILL-CPIE # 21  
" # 30

I will trade them for elongateds  
of equal value.

John H. Wilcox  
Letter Carrier Rte. # 103  
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

## SHEL GREEN

Roller Of Elongated Coins  
Die Engraver  
400 N. Noble St.  
Chicago, Illinois  
312-TA9-1400

Will trade my Unlisted ILL-  
CPIE # 14a, Avenue of the  
flags, for elongateds on my  
want list.

Bob Callander  
P.O. 71  
Napanee, Ind. 46550

Will trade elongated coins,  
for transportation tokens new  
to my collection.

Charles Mueller  
3746 So. East Ave.  
Berwyn, IL. 60402

## WANTED:

An elongated that shows  
Mt. Rushmore which is not  
Cee Cevens or simulated.

Will send a copy of my article,  
"The Bread Rollers" published  
in MEC for any free elongated  
coin.

Dave Singer  
8715 N. Harding Ave.  
Skokie, IL. 60076

## SPECIAL

"Christmas Coin Club Collectors"  
ELONGATED

\$ 20.00 per 100 (Min. amount)  
Sample - 50¢ each  
No year date on elongateds so it  
can be used in all years.

C.J. Meccarello  
228 Vassar Rd.  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
12603

## BUY

WANTED  
TOPICALS:

TRADE

Bridges  
Ships  
Space  
Christmas

Send your want list for trade.

James E. Hicks  
300 N. State St.  
Chicago, IL. 60610



# THE

# BULLETIN

# BOARD

## ILLINOIS

## CPIE

## WCE



Burt Levy

P.O. Box 3082

Merchandise Mart

Chicago, Ill. 60654

W

3

5a

6a

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9a

12

15

66a

83

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38

40a

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62a

78

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83

1c

2a

2b

3

3a

3b

5

5a

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97e

101a

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87

89

95

97e

101a

105

## NEED MONEY ?

Sell your coins with confidence. Names are withheld - complete privacy. Buying dies also.

Elongateds

P.O. Box 59428

Chicago, Il. 60645

## WANTED:

Any Chicago World's Fair 1933-34 elongated in any condition. I will pay \$ 1.00 each.

Rudy Skaritka

P.O. Box 5723

Chicago, Il. 60680

## WANTED:

"The Elongated Collector"  
By Dottie Dow

Jim's Coins

2207 S. Ridgeland

Berwyn, Il. 60402

Send an 8¢ stamp and receive the latest price list from AMTA which offers medals, tokens, & elongateds.

Michael R. Pender

American Medal and Token Association

148 Poplar Street

Garden City, N.Y.

11535

I will trade my elongated store-card or my elongated 197th Anniv. U.S. Marine Corps for any elongated coin plus a SASE.



## SEND YOUR

## AD

## IN TODAY!

## WANTED TO BUY:

MO-SILVF # 2 - Palace of Agriculture  
P & PC # 5 - Harry S. Truman  
ILL-CPIE # 29 - Irish Village

Harold Snyder

9070 Riverview Drive

Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004